

Appl. No. 09/520,686  
Amdt. dated December 21, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of December 13, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's patience in pointing out informalities in the response filed on 11-23-04. Appropriate corrections have been made to claims 2, 6, and 9.

In response to Examiner's observations of informalities, claims 12-14 have been amended.

Applicants believe they have addressed Examiner's concerns. Therefore, claims 1-14, as presented, are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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